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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Michelle and Dave,
Attached are several documents relating to Governor Kempthorne's announcement of the "Optimum Initiative" to explore redevelopment at our site in Pocatello. Will keep you apprised of how things proceed. I really appreciate your taking the time to meet with Pat and me last week - despite our late arrival! I thought our conversation was quite positive and a valued opportunity. I hope you'll give me a call whenever you feel the need.
My best,
Liz

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GOVERNOR KEMPTHORNE APPOINTS SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PANEL IN SE IDAHO

Focus is on job creation, power generation and use of the Pocatello FMC plant

(BOISE) Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne today appointed Idaho and national leaders to "fast-track" an economic development initiative targeted at creating jobs, promoting the consideration of ethanol production/electrical generating plants, and creating a productive future for the former FMC Corporation manufacturing facility near Pocatello. The special panel is called the Idaho Optimum Initiative.

"Next generation opportunities can grow quickly from this generation's creativity, vision and leadership," Governor Kempthorne said in a letter to Bannock County Economic Development chief Ray Burstedt. "Redeveloping this site will bring much needed long term employment opportunities for residents of Bannock and Power Counties and members of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe," said Kempthorne.

Kempthorne said the Idaho Optimum Initiative members should work closely with the Idaho Congressional delegation. Members of the delegation serve on key Congressional committees such as Commerce, Appropriations, Energy, and Environment and Public Works.

Governor Kempthorne selected Burstedt to chair the Idaho Optimum Initiative because of his proven track record in bringing multiple interests together to produce results. In addition to Burstedt, Kempthorne appointed:

John Bartholomew, Director, Phosphorus Equity Division, FMC Corporation,
Philadelphia

John Prescott, Vice-President of Operations Power Supply, Idaho Power Co.

Michael Polsky, President and CEO, Invenergy, LLC, Chicago

Dennis Keiser, Ph.D. President and CEO, Intrepid Technologies, Idaho Falls

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Paul Yochum, Pocatello Site Manager, FMC Corporation
Charlie Clark, Special Representative to the President, Union Pacific Railroad
Jim Lance, Business Representative, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
Bud Tracy, Manager, Idaho Cooperative Utilities Association
Russ Westerburg, policy advisor, PacifiCorp
State Senator Denton Darrington, (R-Declo)
State Representative Elmer Martinez, (D-Pocatello)
Valerie Hoybjerg, Power County Commissioner
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Pat Takasugi, Director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture
Eric J. LaPointe, BIA Superintendent, Fort Hall Reservation
Sue Skinner, Environment Protection Specialist, Region X EPA, Pocatello
Kathy Ruffalo, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
Jim Yost, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

"By taking personal leadership in the formation and charter of the task force, Governor Kempthorne is demonstrating his continued commitment to a strong economic future for Bannock and Power Counties," Ray Burstedt said.

"Ever since FMC announced the closure of their Pocatello plant, I have been working diligently to find other uses for the site," Kempthorne said. "It's an attractive location for a number of possible uses, and I appreciate the willingness of the volunteers on the Idaho Optimum Initiative to help design the next steps and explore development options that will keep Southeastern Idaho's economy sound and healthy."

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DIK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

December 13, 2002

Mr. Ray Burstedt
Director
Bannock County Development Corp.
1651 Alvin Ricken Drive
Pocatello, ID 83201

Dear Mr. Burstedt:

It is my honor to ask you to serve as chairman of an important blue ribbon panel targeted at promoting the location of ethanol production/electrical generating plants and creating a productive future for the former FMC Corporation elemental phosphorus manufacturing facility near Pocatello. The blue ribbon panel is called the Idaho Optimum Initiative.

Next generation opportunities can grow quickly from this generation's creativity, vision and leadership. That is why I ask you to chair this blue ribbon panel's important work.

Your members should work on a six-month timeline to develop a strategic path forward. It is my hope that the work of the blue ribbon panel will result in new jobs for Bannock and Power counties, new markets for Idaho commodities, and a new life on an important industrial site that was and can again be instrumental in Southeastern Idaho's history as a strong center of commercial and industrial activity.

As you know, ethanol represents a critically important emerging market for Idaho farm products. Moreover, ethanol represents a fuel source that can become a clean, efficient energy producer for a region that will need more power generation to continue our growth.

I have requested that the following Idahoans and other key stakeholders serve with you in this important mission:

- John Bartholomew, Director Phosphorus Equity Division, FMC Corporation
- John Norstog, Shoshone Bannock Tribes Planning Director
- Gary Mahn, Director of the Idaho Department of Commerce
- Valerie Hoybjerg, Power County Commissioner
- John Prescott, Vice-President Power Supply, Idaho Power Company

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- Mike Polsky, Invenenergy, LCC
- Dennis Keiser, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer Intrepid Technologies & Resources, Inc./Chairman, Idaho Ethanol Development Group
- Paul Yochum, Pocatello Site Manager, FMC Corporation
- Pat Takasugi, Director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture
- Sue Skinner, Environment Protection Specialist Region X, Environmental Protection Agency
- Charlie Clark, Special Representative to the President, Union Pacific Railroad
- Jim Lance, Business Representative, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
- Jim Yost, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Dirk Kempthorne
- Kathy Ruffalo, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Dirk Kempthorne
- State Senator Denton Darrington
- State Representative Elmer Martinez
- Bud Tracy, Manager, Idaho Cooperative Utilities Association (ICUA)
- Eric J. LaPointe, BIA Superintendent, Fort Hall Reservation

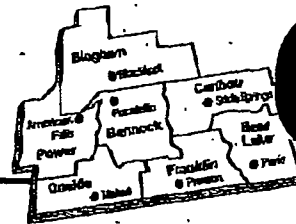
I hope your team will work closely with the Idaho Congressional delegation who are strategically situated on Congressional Committees, which could greatly enhance opportunities for the site. Senator Larry Craig has a career-long commitment to providing energy solutions for a growing state. Senator Mike Crapo has been working on energy and energy alternatives for Idaho. Congressman Mike Simpson has been a lead in helping shape public policy to promote ethanol as a fuel additive.

You and the other blue ribbon panel nominees have been instrumental in securing growth and development opportunities for the regional economy in southeastern Idaho, and I am eager to have their contribution to designing next steps that will keep this economy sound and healthy.

Sincerely,



DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Governor



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Panel to explore new uses for FMC site

By Graham Garner
Journal Writer

POCATELLO — Gov. Dick Kempthorne announced a special economic development panel Monday and charged its members to examine potential uses of the FMC Corp. site near Pocatello.

"Ever since FMC announced the closure of their Pocatello plant, I have been working diligently to find other uses for the site," Kempthorne said. "It's an attractive location for a number of possible uses, and I appreciate the willingness of the volunteers on the Idaho Optimum Initiative to help design the next steps and

explore development options that will keep southeastern Idaho's economy sound and healthy."

The panel, a conglomeration of business, utility and government representatives, will consider ways to create jobs in the area while promoting development of an ethanol production or electrical generating plant.

Ray Burstedt, executive director of Bannock Development Corp., will act as the panel's chairman.

"There is a lot of good talent on the panel and I hope we get some initiatives that have been

proposed for the property out before the public so the public can make an educated decision about the plant's future," Burstedt said.

Panel members will work closely with Idaho's congressional delegation.

"I am excited about it," said Paul Yochum, FMC's Pocatello site manager. "We have been trying to truly bring on a coal fire generating plant and an ethanol plant since January 2002 and this shows ... we are focusing an intensive effort to see if we can make something happen."

Burstedt said he will contact

panel members this week to schedule a January meeting.

Other appointees include: state Rep. Elmer Martinez, D-Pocatello; John Norstog, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes planning director; Valerie Hoybjerg, Power County commissioner; Jim Lance, business representative, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Eric J. LaPointe, BIA Superintendent, Fort Hall Reservation; Sue Skinner, environment protection specialist, Region X EPA, Pocatello; state Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo; John Bartholomew, director, Phosphorus Equity Division, FMC Corporation, Philadelphia; John

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Governor names task force in region

THE MORNING NEWS and Wire Reports

POCATELLO — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Monday appointed a special economic advisory committee for southeastern Idaho.

The Pocatello area has been hard hit by job setbacks in recent months. Its unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in November, the second highest rate of Idaho's six regions.

The 20-member panel is composed of business, government and union leaders. It includes people from national companies with business ties to Idaho.

The committee, the Idaho Optimum Initiative, is aimed at creating jobs, promoting ethanol production and electrical generating plants and creating a productive future for the former FMC Corp. manufacturing plant near Pocatello.

Kempthorne started his career working for FMC's public relations department in the 1970s following his graduation from the University of Idaho.

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ago, leaving more than 400 employees out of work.

The company announced in October 2001 that high power costs and use of cheaper, purified phosphoric acid would force closure by year's end of the plant that manufactured elemental phosphorus for 53 years.

The plant, originally owned by Westvaco Chemical Corp., was built in 1948. FMC bought Westvaco in 1949. In April 2000, FMC Corp. and Solutia Inc. formed Astaria, a joint venture, to operate the plant.

Kempthorne selected Bannock County Economic Development chief Ray

Burstedt to head the committee.

Other committee members include representatives from FMC, Union Pacific Railroad, local unions, elected officials and others.

The task force includes the following:

■ John Bartholomew, director, phosphorus equity division, FMC Corp., Philadelphia.

■ John Prescott, vice president of operations power supply, Idaho Power Co.

■ Michael Polsky, president and CEO, Invenergy, LLC, Chicago.

■ Dennis Keiser, Ph.D. president and CEO, Intrepid

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